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Part B for August

SUBJECT

Suggestions in regard to the existing rules regulating District Board Elections

G.O. No. X 7199-207-L B 161-26-7 dt 26-4-29

Passed orders on the above suggestions

To all Dc's of Districts.
The Presidents of Dist. Boards.
The Supdt, Govt. Printing.
The Secretary, L.A. of L.C.
V.G. The Comptroller to Govt.

L.L + R.A Sheets
These are all
valuable suggestions
& may be adopted
for future
3 Thanks Sir R.A + R.B Sheets
6.1.27

THE WEALTH OF MYSO

same method of identifying candidates' names is going to be adopted for elections in future, bigger and bolder figures of only well known objects are printed in the voting papers.

Again, voters were given pen and ink to mark the voting papers. Experience has shown us that it is very difficult for the illiterate to mark with a pen if it is not held in a proper position. To avoid trouble and consequent delay in recording votes, it is better to have coloured pencils instead of pen and ink. There is another difficulty actually felt by the voters when voting papers are folded without blotting the ink. The Mark made by the voter gets imprinted in some other part of the vote paper and the teller is often puzzled not knowing whether such a mark is the original or otherwise. A pencil mark does not create such a difficulty.

Another point that I have to emphasise is that the voters are asked to mark a cross against the name that they want to vote for. In practice this cross-mark is put against a thing not wanted. Hence voters some times make mistakes and some times they are puzzled. To obviate this, it is better to score out or strike out the names of

thousands. It is a pitiable sight to see that these voters having walked long distances come and huddle together at the entrance of the booth fighting with one another to get an entrance into the booth early so that they may go back to their villages at least the same day. The election rules say that no candidate or any one interested in him should give the voters food or lunch. This is a whole-some rule, no doubt. But it is the duty of every one concerned to see that the voters should not wait for a long time at the booth. There are instances in which the voters were made to stay for two days for the purpose of voting. There are also instances of voters going away without voting being disgusted.

If the following arrangement were to be made, the above mened difficulties can be avoided. A large hall should be selected for the polling booth in which a number of seats, say, 10 to 12 or even more, should be arranged at a distance of 2 to 3 adds between any two. They may be screened from one another, if necessary. The polling officer with his associates should sit at the entrance of the hall to identify the voters and let them in one

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A NOTORIOUS K. D.

CONVICTED 17 TIMES

Kala, a notorious K. D. of Nanjanad was sentenced for 5 years R. I. by the Sessions Judge Mysore. He was caught red handed by the Dewan's Police, while he was attempting to break through a house in the Devaraj Mohalla. It is reported that he was convicted 6 times previously.

G.R.S. III—31

Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

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Please note down the points marked by the 1st Member and also his order, and work up. The cutting may then be sent to the L.S. Branch for noting the Members order.

7/1/27.

M. D.H.R.

Kindly make a copy with the remarks of the two Members.

8.1.27

Copy taken & the cutting returned for being sent to L & L Sect

10/1/27

This note may now be referred to the L & L Sectn.

10.1.27

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To the L & L Sectn - with compts.

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form

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G.R.S. III—3]

Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

The main points regd 6
in the article are

(1) That some of the Symbols
adopted such as the lion, the Sky
& the Camel are not at all familiar
to a villager and that some other
better known symbols may be
substituted and printed in bold
figures.

2) That Coloured pencils
may be given for marking
the approval by voters instead
of pen and ink

3) That the system of marking
a Cross against the name that
the voters want to vote for
leads to mistakes and that
it is better to leave out or strike
out the names not wanted. as is done in the Municipal elections

4) That a large wall chart
be selected for the polling booth

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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so that a number of people may exercise the vote freely and uninfluenced the existing system leads great delay and overcrowding at the booths

Lenders observations on the Petition dated 4.1.24

C & I & R. D. Secty

"These are all reasonable suggestions & may be adopted & kept for B.C. & future M.L.A. elections"

1) A copy of the existing election Rules of all Boards is herewith submitted

Hon. W

2) The third suggestion regarding the marking above involves a change in the instructions and the Returning Officers are merely of the nature of instructions to polling Officers and do not necessitate any change in the Rules. ~~is regards suggestions. There may in case of doubt be a clause~~ ~~in case of doubt~~ Submitted for orders.

Hon 15.1.24

3) Mr R Robertson has noted No necessary action as regards Rep Asst is Concerned.

4) The suggestions have been noted for future guidance as regards Dist Bd Elections. If considered necessary a Memorandum may be issued

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and the amendment of Rule 2 omission of Cross mark may also be taken up in the course

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5) The reasons given in (4) against the X mark are not convincing. If a voter gets puzzled does not know where to put the X mark, he may not be in a position to identify this ~~person~~ candidate to score out the names candidates other than his own.

6) The present practice seems to be better than the one suggested

[illegible] members) 6/12

7) ~~As~~ 2 or 3 ~~As~~ may be counted

11/12

8) Draft plan

9) Paras beginning from that 11/12 marked (1) in red ~~pencil~~ should be ~~omitted~~ retained by the Electors but be such ~~as~~ ~~may~~ ~~not~~ ~~be~~ ~~misleading~~ ~~Comments~~. [illegible]

4/12 10 members) 17/12

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No R 0030-2 dated 28.2.24

from the Commr of Cyclone, Orissa & Indian Forwarding Enclosing copies of the articles on Elections in Orissa & invites their opinion.

10) One of the points urged in the article is the supply of Coloured pencils instead of pen and ink for marking the voting papers.

In regard to this Govt have in their order no Rel 579-594 E. & 34-28-2 dated 12.2.24 directed that in Ex & Legislative elections marking on voting-papers be invariably with a copying or blue or red pencil.

11) If approved the same may be adopted for District Board as well.

Rb

12) Draft replies Come from 3.8.24 & 4/5. Mr Dept. to draft them from a Consolidated order.

28/5/27

From the Dy Collr Nowrangpur No R 2C-1589/26-27 dt 16.5.27. Submits his views in the matter.

13) Govt Replies from D.Cs Impose of Question will be awaited.

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3	From the Deputy Commr, Shimoga Dt No 7836-26 of 31.3.27. Furnishes his opinion on an article "Election in Mysore" published in the Hindu of Mysore 14) This may annex the reply from D.C. Mysore Unit 13/6 K614(6).
	15) Draft D.O to D.C Mysore is put up K/D 2/4/27 16) Dom remitters are in a fortnight 17) L.6208 dy No 4-CR28 D.O. R 5/4 D.C. Mysore

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From the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore. No.D.Dis.D.4-94-26 dated the 28th June 1928, states that all the suggestions regarding elections made in the Wealth of Mysore are good and may be adopted.

(8) In regard to District Board elections, the Wealt of Mysore suggested in its issue of 31st December 192 the following improvements:-

(1) Symbols familiar to villagers should be used

(2) Bigger and bolder blocks should be used in printing symbols on the voting papers.

(3) Coloured pencils should be used for marking the votes instead of ink and pen.

(4) The names of candidate for whom votes are not given should be required to be scored out.

(5) A large hall should be selected for the polli booth and ten to twelve or even more persons should be arranged at a distance of 2 to 3 yards between any tw and they may be screened from one another.

(6) The polling officer with his associates shoul sit at the entrance and identify the voters and let them in with his voting paper.

(9) The Deputy commissioners of Kolar, Mysore and Shimoga were consulted as directed in para 7. states

(10) The Deputy Commissioner of Mysore that all the suggestions may be adopted. The Deputy Commissioner of Kolar approves of suggestions numbers (1), (3), and (4). He does not approve of suggestion No.6. As regards suggestion No.(5) he considers that in orde to preserve strict secrecy the polling Officers as well as the Associates should be screened off from the voter when they record their votes unless the assistance o

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of the 9 new symbols as suggested above, instructions may however be issued to the Superintendent, Govt. Printing to have the blocks prepared in big and bold figures as in the R.A. & L.C. Elections.

23) As regards suggestion (3), coloured pencils may be used for marking votes instead of ink and pe. Instructions on the voting paper may be revised as in the case of those used for R.A. & L.C. Elections. (Vide G.O. No 579-597 R.A 34-26-Dahka 12-2-27).

24) With regard to suggestion No.(4) that the names of candidates in whose favour votes are not -- given should be scored out, the Committee appointed to scrutinise the R.A. &. L.C. Rules and Standing Orders have recommended that a mark may be made against each of the names of the candidates for whom votes are given and that against the names of those for whom votes are not given neither a mark should be placed nor the name scored out. The District Board election rules (vide Rule 25) now require that the votes should be denoted by a cross mark. The recommendation of the Committee appointed to revise the R.A. & L.C. Rules appears suitable and may perhaps be adopted. It would be convenient if the procedure is uniform for all elections whether to District Boards, Municipal Councils, the Legislative Council or the Representative Assembly. Orders on the recommendation of the Committee may be awaited and District Board rules revised in accordance with the changes to be introduced in respect of R.A. &. L.C. Rules.

25) As regards the last two suggestions, they do not appear to be feasible. Rule 27 of the District Board election rule

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A draft G.O. revised in accordance with the instructions given on the 12th instt. is submitted for approval or other orders.

GRR. 16/3/29.

May be approved.

(Jenkins)

Draft for approval

RB 18/3/29.

The 11th Member then Ex officio Secy RA & LC.

Issue and submit to Secretary for perusal.

RB. 20/4.

7. G.O. No. L 7199-207 dt. 26-4-29 Passed orders on the Revenue Retrenchment proposals referred to above.

G. BRANCH

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Section 63

File No. 1/31-26

Serial No. 1

No. L 6030-2

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

To

The Secretaries of Kom
Shrivaga & Kolaba Districts

General and Revenue Secretariat
( )
the 192

Date of issue 28th Feb 27

Signed by Sec. G. R. S.

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to the accompanying extract of an article Re Elections in Mysore appearing in the Wealth of Mysore dated 31.12.2[illegible] and to request you to furnish Govt with your opinion regarding the suggestion

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File No.

Serial No.

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

No. L 8181-3

To

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the *192*

The Deputy Commissioners of Shimoga, Kolar & Mysore Dts.

Sir,

Date of issue 13-5-27

I am directed to invite reference to this office No L 6030-2 LB 161-26-1/d 28th Feb 1927. requesting you to furnish your opinion on the suggestion contained in an article in the "Weekly of Mysore" dated 31st December 1926 in re rice elections and request you to be so good as to expedite your reply in the matter.

Signed by Mer M. V. Iyengar

I have etc.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

No. , dated the 31-12- 1927.

L 8547

(LB)

REPLY.

No. D4-94 dated the 28 June 1928.
26-27.

To

The Deputy Commissioner
Mysore

To

The
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
.....General.....Department.

SUBJECT.

Use of Symbols during elections

SIR,

I am directed to invite attention to the marginally noted communication and to request that the Government of His Highness the Maharaja may be informed, in the column opposite, of the cause of delay in furnishing a reply and of the approximate date on which reply may be expected.

L No. 6870 dated 30-4-28
LB 16-26

I am also to request that the reply to this reminder may be sent not later than ~~the~~ a week

I have, etc.,

for General *Secretary to Government,*
~~Department.~~

Sir,

Rec'd 5/6/28

I have the honour to state that as the previous reference is not forthcoming in this office, a copy of your No. L. 8181-3 dated 13.5.1927 may kindly be sent to me for furnishing the information required.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
your most obedient servant

for deputy Commissioner
Mysore District.
2/6/28.

*Previous reminders

WD 1332—GPB —4,000—3-1-27

1 June 1928

Sent with a Draft. Issue warn copy of notice
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Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.
No.A2-C.1509/26-27. Dated, Kolar, the 16th May 1927.

From

A.K.Syed Taj Peeran, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

To

R. Ranga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
General Secretary to Government of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.L.Elel-2/L...161-26-1 dated the 13th May 1927 calling for opinion on the suggestion contained in an article in the "Wealth of Mysore" dated the 31st December 192[illegible] n regard to the elections, I have the honour to state that the use of symbols has been much appreciated by the illiterate voting - public and I would suggest ~~that~~ the use of symbols more popularly - known to the illiterate public.

2. As regards the use of ink and pen I am of opinion that the use of coloured pencils instead of ink would facilitate the marking on voting papers in as much as smudging can be avoided and also the difficulities incidental to the use of pens by illiterate persons be obviated.

3. I would agree in striking out the names not meant for voting, with coloured pencils rather than putting cross ~~Lxxks~~ against such names.

4. In my experience allowing people other than the Polling Officer and his associates duly appointed by proper authorities into the Polling Booth does not commend itself in as much as there would be scope for unnecessary grumbling on the part of voters outside the booth. As strict privacy is enjoined in the recording of votes it is very desirable in my opinion that the Polling Officers as well as the Associates should be screened off from the voters when they record their votes unless their assistance is sought by illiterate voters. I would suggest for the easy and convenient voting, that by

by the side of the voting box a chair and a table be provided with coloured pencils so that the voters might sit and record their votes in accordance with the suggestions noted above by striking out the names right across them.

5. The other suggestions contained in the last portion of the extract of para 5 from the "Wealth of Mysore" of the 31st December 1926 re: the allowing of more than one voter, the Polling Officer sitting at the entrance with his associates - will I fear give room for creating disturbance inside the Polling booth and they need not be adopted.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Treasury Assistant Commissioner,
For Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

A.R.
16/5/27.

As regards points Nos (1) to (4) orders of Govt. have already been passed. The number of symbols was raised from 16 to 25 by the addition of nine more symbols which are familiar to the ryot classes and to illiterate people. The blocks for all the symbols were ordered to be prepared in bigger and bolder figures and kept ready for printing on the voting papers. Vide. Government Order No.Rel.733-46 R.A.25-26-13 dated 22nd February 1927. The marking on the voting papers was ordered to be made with a copying or blue or red pencil having due regard to the disadvantages of marking in ink Vide,Government Order No.Rel.579-97 R.A. 34-26-2 dated 12th February 1927. the names of persons for whom the voters did not wish to vote were asked to be scored out. Some difficulty no doubt was experienced in regard to the scoring out of names as such voters had scored out only the symbols without scoring out the names. This difficulty was pointed out to Govt. and instructions received to accept such votes as valid. The rules therefore would require modification suitably. In some cases the scoring was not done clearly although the intention of the voter could be made out by the telling Officers. In such cases discretion should be vested in the telling officer to accept or reject such votes.

2. As regards the selection of a big hall for polling purposes with a view to minimise the delay in the taking of votes the suggestion made in the papers does not appear to be practicable. Big Halls are not available at all voting centres and we have to make the best of the available accommodation at such centres. If in any area there are a very large number of voters, the better course would be to have more polling centres than one or more polling booths than one. Experience has shown that about 150 to 200 votes can be recorded in about 8 hours and if suitable provision can be made to meet this situation, the voting I think could be concluded in a single day. The polling centres in this district however were located at convenient centres in each taluk. The appointment of more persons as associates and the admitting

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Serial No. 3

No. L 8960
with two enclosures

To The Dy Commr Mepore

Diary No. of letter replied to.....6701.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the *192*

Date of issue.....21-6-1926.....

Signed by.....Mr. T.K.S. Iyer.....

Sir,

As desired in your letter No. D4.94/26-27 dt 16 June 1926, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of this office No. L.8181-3 dt ~~13-5-27~~ 28/4/27 and to request you to kindly furnish the information very early

I have etc

S.

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No.D.Dis.D4. 94/26.
Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.
Dated, Mysore, 28th June 1926.

From

A.V. Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Mysore Dt.

To

R. Ranga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
General Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No.L.8960/L.B.161-26-5 dated the 21st instant re elections in Mysore appearing in the Wealth of Mysore dated 31st December and calling for my opinion thereon, I have the honor to state that I am of the opinion that all the suggestions are good and may be adopted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

A.N.

S.O

LB. 161-28-7

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

ORDER No. L 7199-207

Dated, Bangalore, the 26-4-29

In connection with the existing rules regulating D.B. elections, it has been suggested that the following may be introduced:

In connection with the existing rules regulating the District Board elections, the following modifications have been suggested for adoption :-

(1) ~~Symbols~~ The symbols added by candidates for purposes of identification may be of objects familiar to villagers, ~~should be used.~~ may be

(2) Larger size blocks ~~should~~ may be used for printing the symbols ~~on the voting papers.~~

(3) Coloured pencils ~~should~~ may be used for marking the votes instead of ink ~~and pen.~~

(4) The names of candidates for whom votes are not ~~given~~ may be required to be scored out.

(5) A large hall should be selected for the polling booth so as to enable 10 or 12 persons to vote at a time, ~~by properly screening them from being observed,~~ each voter being provided with a compartment to enable him to vote unobserved,

& (6) The polling officer with his associates should sit at the entrance of the polling booth and identify the voters and let them in with their voting papers.

2. The Deputy Commissioners of Kolar, Mysore and Shimoga Districts were consulted on their suggestions ~~in the matter.~~ ~~While~~ The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, is of opinion that all the above suggestions may be adopted, the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, has approved of the 1st, 3rd & 5th suggestions ~~(1), (3) and (4)~~ only and the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, is in favour of suggestions (1) to (4)

3. After a careful consideration of the matter, Government are pleased to order as follows :-

(a) In regard to suggestions (1) and (2), Govt. observe that 16 symbols have already been approved for use in connection with the District Board elections in the marginally noted Government orders. These have been adopted for the R.A. and the L.C. elections also and in addition to these, nine more symbols noted in the margin have been approved for these two bodies in Government Order No.733-746/R.A.25-26-13 dated 22nd February 1927. Government direct that these nine new symbols may also be adopted for use at District Board elections also. The Superintendent, Government Printing is requested to have large size blocks for these symbols prepared in bigger and bolder figures as in the R.A. and the L.C. elections and kept ready for being printed on the voting papers.

1. L.1330-44/L.B.25-26-4 dated 24-8-1926.
2. L.2091-105/L.B.25-26-9 dated 16-9-1926.
3. L.2757-9/L.B.25-26-13 dated 19-10-1926.
4. L.3528-41/L.B.25-26-17 dated 2-12-1926.

(1) Charaka.
(2) Spade.
(3) Bicycle.
(4) Axe.
(5) Flag.
(6) Umbrella.
(7) Bell.
(8) Ganapathi.
(9) Hand.

(b) As regards the third suggestion that coloured pencils may be used for making votes instead of ink and pen, Government direct that this suggestion be adopted and that the instructions on the voting paper be revised accordingly. It is desirable that the mark made should be clear and unambiguous.

(c) With regard to suggestion No.(4), it is observed that rule 25 of the District Board election rules requires that the votes given in favour of a candidate should be denoted by a cross mark. The Committee appointed to scrutinise the R.A. and L.C. rules and Standing Orders have recommended that a mark may be made against each of the names of candidates for whom votes are given and that against the names of those for whom votes are not given, neither a mark should be placed nor the name scored out. Government observe that it would

be convenient if the procedure is made uniform for all elections - whether to District Boards, Municipal Councils, the Legislative Council or the R.A. and that the question of revising the aforesaid rule in this behalf be considered after orders are passed on the recommendation of the above Committee.

(d) With reference to the last two suggestions it may be pointed out that rule 27 of the ~~Mysore~~ District Board election rules already provides for the voters voting in a place screened from observation. Rule 24 of the same rules also provides for the polling officer satisfying himself as to the identity of voters No hard and fast rules can be prescribed for the manner in which the polling officer should identify the voters.

(e) The suggestion of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga , to have more polling centres instead of a big hall is approved.

General Secretary to Government.

To

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Presidents of District Boards.
The Superintendent, Govt. Printing and Stationery.
The Secretary. R.A. and Legis.Council.
The Comptroller to Government.

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Government of his highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. L 7199-207—L.B. 161-26-7, dated 26th April 1929

District Board Elections.

Passes orders on certain suggestions made in regard to the existing rules regulating ——.

ORDER No. L. 7199-207— L.B. 161-26-7, DATED 26TH APRIL 1929.

In connection with the existing rules regulating District Board Elections, it has been suggested that the following may be introduced : –

(1) The symbols adopted by candidates for purposes of identification may be of objects familiar to villagers;
(2) Larger size blocks may be used for printing these symbols;
(3) Coloured pencils may be used for marking the votes instead of pen and ink;
(4) The names of candidates for whom votes are not given be required to be scored out;
(5) A large hall should be selected for the polling booth so as to enable 10 or 12 persons to vote at a time, each voter being screened off from others so that he may vote unobserved; and
(6) The polling officer with his associates should sit at the entrance of the polling booth and identify the voters and let them in with their voting papers.

The Deputy Commissioners of Kolar, Mysore and Shimoga Districts were consulted on these suggestions. While the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, is of opinion that all the above suggestions may be adopted, the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, has approved of the 1st, 3rd and 4th suggestions only and the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, is in favour of suggestions (1) to (4).

3. After a careful consideration of the matter, Government are pleased to order as follows :—

(*a*) In regard to suggestions (1) and (2), Government observe that 16 symbols have already been approved for use in connection with the District Board elections in the marginally noted Government orders. These have been adopted for the Representative and the Legislative Council elections also and in addition to these, nine more symbols noted in the margin have been approved for these two bodies in Government Order No. 733-746—R. A. 25-26-13, dated the 22nd February 1927. Government direct that these nine new symbols may also be adopted for use at district Board elections. The Superintendent, Government Printing, is requested to have large size blocks for these symbols prepared in bigger and bolder figures as in the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council elections and kept ready for being printed on the voting papers.

1. L. 1330-44—L. B. 25-26-4, dated 24th August 1926.
2. L. 2091-105—L. B. 25-26-9, dated 16th September 1926.
3. L. 2757-9—L. B. 25-26-13, dated 19th October 1926.
4. L. 3528-41—L. B. 25-26-17, dated 2nd December 1926.

(1) Charka.
(2) Spade.
(3) Bicycle.
(4) Axe.
(5) Flag.
(6) Umbrella.
(7) Bell.
(8) Ganapathi.
(9) Hand.

(*b*) As regards the third suggestion that coloured pencils may be used for marking votes instead of ink and pen, Government direct that this suggestion be adopted and that the instructions on the voting paper be revised accordingly. It is desirable that the mark made should be clear and unambiguous.

(c) With regard to suggestion No. (4), it is observed that rule 25 of the District Board Election Rules requires that the votes given in favour of a candidate should be denoted by a cross mark. The Committee appointed to scrutinise the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council Rules and Standing Orders have recommended that a mark may be made against each of the names of candidates for whom votes are given and that against the names of those for whom votes are not given, neither a mark should be placed nor the name scored out. Government observe that it would be convenient if the procedure is made uniform for all elections—whether to District Boards, Municipal Councils, the Legislative Council or the Representative Assembly—and that the question of revising the aforesaid rule in this behalf be considered after orders are passed on the recommendation of the above Committee.

(*d*) With reference to the last two suggestions, it may be pointed out that rule 27 of the District Board Election Rules already provides for the voters voting in a place screened off from observation. Rule 24 of the same rules also provides for the polling officer satisfying himself as to the identity of voters. No hard and fast rules can be prescribed for the manner in which the polling officer should identify the voters.

(*e*) The suggestion of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, to have more polling centres instead of a big hall is approved.

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